

## THE LACLEDE BLADE

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### Chips and Shavings

Maine finds that she just can't satisfy everybody.

People are getting mighty sour over this increase in the price of sugar.

If Champ Clark isn't careful, he will spill all his chautauqua material in interviews.

It is earnestly insisted that a republican may be a progressive without being an insurgent.

Perhaps the conference of governors would like to hit upon a plan to get themselves re-elected.

The Illinois democracy is experiencing some difficulty in deciding whether it is twins or triplets.

Possibly here and there you can find a small boy who is not overjoyed at getting back to school.

Our idea of a really independent man is one who wears his straw hat just as long as he doggone pleases.

A fool who attends a bargain sale rushes in where angels fear to tread, but he never forgets the experience.

Blushing Miss Canada is almost ready to have that reciprocity engagement ring slipped on the third finger of her left hand.

Ferdinand Pinney Earle can get more about his marriage into print and less about his pictures than any other artist living.

Abe Ruef of San Francisco is said to be working hard in prison to reform other criminals. Strange that reforms always begin with the other fellow.

In Indiana the other day a sheep killed a dog. Now the chances to put a tax on sheep to protect the dog industry.

If the battleship Delaware can hit the old ship Texas at nine miles, how soon will congress be able to reduce the tariff on wool and woolen goods?

Evidently Canadians are resorting to the American language in their reciprocity campaign. Premier Laurier recently called Henri Bourassa a "wilful liar."

Governor Hoke Smith is demonstrating how you can keep your pie and eat it at the same time. Hoke is senator and still holds on to the government in Georgia.

President Taft may be coldly received at some points on his western trip, and at others he may get too warm a reception. But in either case he "ain't afraid." Bill is used to facing the music.

### Buffalo Bill to Retire

Considerable interest has been aroused in this vicinity through the announced appearance of Buffalo Bill's Wild West and Pawnee Bill's Far East at Chillicothe Sept. 23.

Col. Wm. F. Cody, the original and only "Buffalo Bill," travels with the big exhibition and positively appears at every performance, rain or shine, but this will be his farewell appearance in this section as he is soon to retire. Arrangements have been made with the railroad officials to run excursions at special rates from the various stations along the line and there will be special provisions for the accommodation of those who wish to visit the exhibition. To the small boy and grown-up "Buffalo Bill" will be the chief attraction, for his fame is not dimmed by the years which have elapsed since he helped write the story of the West through his heroic deeds. One of the principal contests of the red men, in which he took active part, will be pictured in the open-air melodrama. The Battle of Summit Springs, an engagement in miniature introducing more than one hundred Indians and as many cavalymen and soldiers. Contrasted with this scene will be an Oriental spectacle which will picture the gorgeous beauties of the Far East, its pageantry and people, its pleasures and pastimes, and its strange costumes and customs. Turning again to American history, there will be an Attack Upon an Immigrant Train and A Holiday at "T-E" Ranch. Rossi's Musical Elephants will be a particular feature of the Far East scene and as an individual feature of the Wild West section of the exhibition Ray Thompson's Trained Western Range Horses will be shown in feats of grace and equine skill. Sharpshooting by Johnny Baker will be a particular attractive feature, and a bunch of bucking bronchos will furnish the principal comedy element of a truly exhilarating and strenuous exhibition.

### A Big Technicality

Kansas City Journal.

About the most serious technicality that has ever been invoked in any litigation instituted by the government is the claim by the United States attorney for Colorado that the Centennial state is not a state at all but only a territory, for the asserted reason that the constitution was never ratified by congress. It is difficult to conceive the consequences if this contention should be sustained by the highest courts, and one can hardly escape the conviction that the possible consequences so far overshadow the issue involved in the water rights which are the subject of the litigation that even the highest tribunal in the land would hesitate to say there is a cloud upon the legality of all that has been done by Colorado as a state for the last thirty-five years.

Especially regrettable is the fact that such a claim should be raised at a time when there is an earnest effort being made to eliminate technicalities from the code of practice. The layman cannot, of course, compass the intricacies of legal procedure, but he can hardly help wondering why the alleged oversight was not discovered long ago. It requires a wonderfully keen vision to detect an error of such magnitude a generation after it was committed, if it did not occur in fact. The point might be sustained without undoing all that has been done for more than a quarter of a century, but the very claim is sufficiently startling to arouse more than ordinary interest in the outcome.

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It has been deemed necessary to extend the date of entry to 6:00 o'clock of the day previous to the show and entries will be received until that time. T. M. Ludden of Marceline will be in charge of the show. See him for further particulars or write for information. A circular giving directions for selecting corn for show and any further information in reference to these scholarships may be secured from C. B. Hutchison, College of Agriculture, Columbia, Mo.

The term "better half," is really no joke, now is it, my brother?

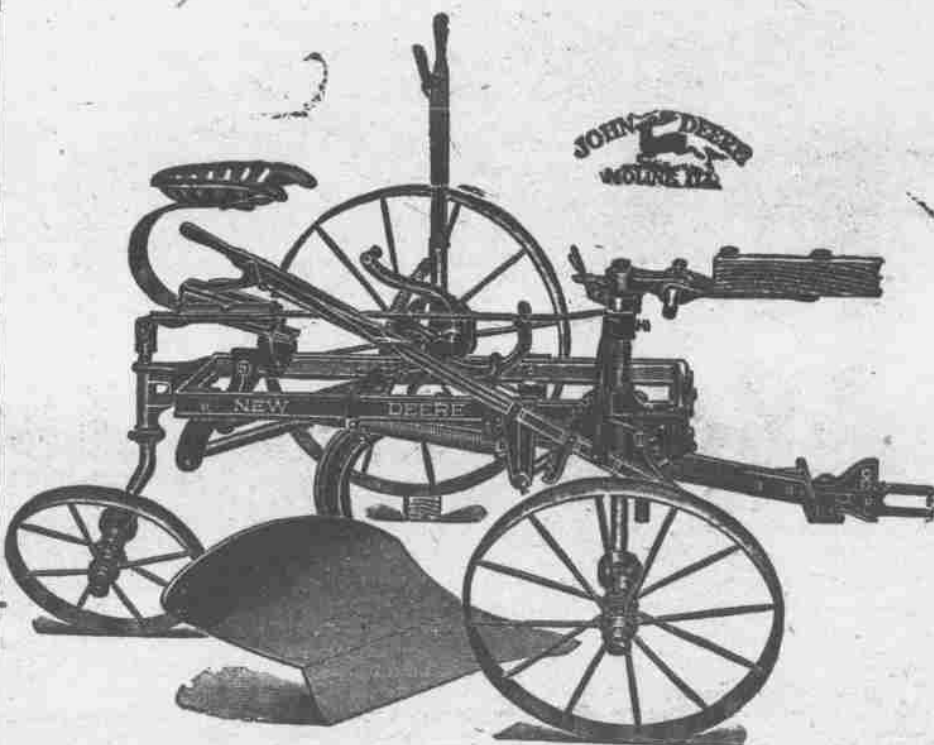
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